THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME

A Short Story by Richard Connell

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

Title: The Most Dangerous Game

Author: Richard Connell

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PLOT SUMMARY:

"The Most Dangerous Game" is a story of suspenseful drama. Richard Connell crafted a story around the central conflict of two characters. The **protagonist**, or main character, is Rainsford, a big-game hunter whose trip to South America takes an unexpected turn when he meets General Zaroff, owner and inhabitant of a private island. Highly skilled and experienced hunters, the famous Rainsford and the cultured Zaroff share an enthusiasm for tracking big game. As the plot unfolds, the sport takes on new meaning, and Zaroff emerges as the **antagonist** in the story, or the character who is in conflict with the protagonist, Rainsford.

The "cat and mouse" plot that pits one hunter against the other has been adapted for several films, plays, and television shows. Connell helped write the screenplay for the 1932 film version of the story. In 1945, Orson Welles played Zaroff in a radio play adaptation of the story.

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Richard Connell (1893-1949) was born in Poughkeepsie, New York. At the age of ten, he covered baseball games for the local newspaper. Connell attended what is now Georgetown University and then graduated from Harvard University. After serving in World War I, he worked as an editor for various magazines and newspapers and continued to write. Connell created screenplays, numerous novels, and more than three hundred stories, many published in popular magazines such as *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Collier's, The National Weekly*. "The Most Dangerous Game," published in 1924, is his most widely known story and won the **O. Henry Memorial Award** for short fiction. He died of a heart attack in Beverly Hills, California, at the age of fifty-six.

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